

CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) A carrier comprised of a handle for holding bag handles defining an interior, a top and a bottom, said top having a left side and a right side and a left opening on the left side and a right opening on the right side and a strap means with a length for securing bag handles said string means having a first end passing through the left opening and a second end passing through the right opening and a middle between the first end and the second end and wherein the handle further defines a slot running the length of the bottom of the handle.
2. (Withdrawn) The carrier of claim 1 wherein the invention further comprises a belt with an attachment means for releaseably holding the handle.
3. (Withdrawn) The carrier of claim 2 further comprising a shoulder strap attached to the belt at the waist of a user above the attachment means.
4. (Withdrawn) The invention of claim 2 wherein the attachment means comprises a loop receiving the string means.
5. (Withdrawn) The invention of claim 2 wherein the attachment means comprises a loop attached to the handle and a peg means on the belt for releaseably holding the loop.
6. (Withdrawn) The invention of claim 1 wherein the string means comprises a string.
7. (Withdrawn) The invention of claim 6 wherein the left opening defines a gap from the left side to the left opening and the right opening defines a gap from the right side to the left opening which gap is more narrow than the opening and wherein the string is compressible.
8. (Withdrawn) The invention of claim 1 wherein the string means further comprises a buckle means for reducing the length of the string means.

9. (Withdrawn) The invention of claim 1 wherein the string means further comprises a plurality of strings of different lengths.

10. (Withdrawn) The invention of claim 1 further comprised of a plurality of bags with at least two handles receiving the string means with the middle receiving the handle to form a loop passed through the at least two handles of the plurality of bags.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The invention of claim 1 further A device for closing bags having handles with a strap means with a first end and a second end and a strap length between the first end and second end for closing a loop in the strap length between the first end and the second end comprising~~ ~~ing of a support means with an axis and with a perimeter with at least one attachment means comprising~~ at least one rack arm with a first front end and first rear end and an arm length between the first front end and the first rear end ~~for releasably holding~~ for supporting at least one strap means between the at least one first end and at least one second end along the arm length the handles a catch means for releasably holding the end of the string and a middle of the string and a first bar with a left end attached to the support means at least one attachment means and a right end attached to the catch means ~~and~~ for holding at least one bag handle over the string strap means length.

12. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 11 wherein the support means further comprises at least one second ~~rack arm with a first front end and first rear end and an arm length between the first front end and the first rear end for supporting at least one second strap between the at least one first front end and at least one first rear end of the second support means along the arm length, and for holding at least one bag handle over a second strap means, attachment means and at least one second bar attached to the support at least one second attachment means and wherein the support means~~

13. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 11 wherein the bags have a top and a bottom and a length from the bag top and bottom and wherein the support means further comprises a base and wherein the ~~first bar~~ at least one rack arm is approximately the same height above the base as the ~~by~~ at least the bag length.

Further comprising a support for the bags

14. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 11, wherein the ~~attachment~~ support means further comprises a package holding means ~~on~~ holding a package means and wherein the package means hold for holding and dispensing a plurality of handles onto the first front end and the first rear end.

15. (Withdrawn) A method for carrying at least one bag having a left and right side and having a left side handle and a right side handle with a string means with a left end and a right end attached by a carrying handle with a middle between the left end and the right end to form a loop comprising the steps of:

(1) holding the bags;

► (2) sequentially passing the string means middle through the left side handle and right side handle;

(3) passing the carrying handle through the loop; and

(4) pulling the carrying handle to tighten the loop around the bag handles.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 wherein there are a plurality of bags and wherein the step of sequentially passing further comprises repeating the step of sequentially passing through the

left side handle and right side handle for each of the plurality of bags.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of holding further comprises placing the handles on a first bag means for receiving the bag handles.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein the step of holding further comprises the step of rotating the handles to expose at least the second bar means for receiving bag handles positioning the first arm means for unloading the first bags.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein the step of holding further comprises the step of loading bags before placing the handles of the first bar means.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of holding further comprises the step of providing a cue to indicate the methods to be started.

21. (New Claim) The invention of claim 12 wherein the bags comprise a loaded width and the support means further comprises a mounting means for supporting the at least one rack arm and at least one second rack arm so that the at least one rack arm is supported, separated by a distance at least equal to the loaded width from the at least one second rack arm.

22. (New Claim) The invention of claim 21 wherein the mounting means comprises a loading position for loading the bag handles over the strap means and wherein the mounting means is rotational to alternate the position between the at least one rack arm and at least one second rack arm to the loading position.

23. (New Claim) The invention of claim 13 wherein the support means further comprise a bag support plate for supporting the bag attached below the at least one rack arm at a height less than the bag length.

24. (New Claim) The invention of claim 11 wherein the first rear end has a front and back and the

strap means comprises a handle and wherein the bags are held on the back of the rear end and the strap length runs between the front side of the first rear end and the first front end.

25. (New Claim) The invention of claim 24 wherein the support means further comprises a strap dispensing means on the back of the rear end for dispensing a plurality of straps over the at least one arm length.

26. (New Claim) The invention of claim 11 wherein the invention is operated by a user standing adjacent from the invention and wherein the invention is further comprises at least one rack means for holding bags while they are loaded adjacent to the user.

27. (New Claim) The invention of claim 14 wherein the strap means comprises a loop having a first and second length and a handle fixed along the first length of the loop.

28. (New Claim) the invention of claim 27 wherein the package holding means is for holding the handle while the bag handles are placed over the strap.